

**LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**Revised Notice of Availability of Funds**

**Neighborhood Crime Prevention and Intervention Program**

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ), hereby announces the revised notice of available funds for the below grant program. This Notice supersedes the notice that appeared in the New Jersey Register, Volume 40, Number 13, on July 7, 2008 at 40 N.J.R. 4247(c).

**A. Name of program:** Neighborhood Crime Prevention and Intervention Program (NCPI)

**B. Purpose:** In concert with New Jersey's Strategy for Safe Streets and Neighborhoods, funding is being made available for community-based crime prevention/intervention programs for municipalities with high risk factors for violence and gang activity. The Governor's crime strategy emphasizes the importance of law enforcement/community partnerships as a means of enhancing public safety. Given the nature and scope of New Jersey's crime problems, especially the growing rate of gang activity, it is essential that both government officials and community members take aggressive and innovative actions to restore a sense of community.

The goals of NCPI are to reduce and prevent neighborhood violent crime through multi-disciplinary community partnerships. An important element of the NCPI is to engage the community-at-large in becoming actively involved in crime prevention, and projects funded under NCPI must involve law enforcement/community partnerships. The program offers law enforcement, criminal justice officials and community stakeholders the opportunity to identify a specific problem in the community, analyze the factors contributing to the problem, and implement a program that is tailored to the site-specific crime issue.

Each NCPI project will be required to form an advisory board/steering committee. This can be accomplished through an existing group or a newly established committee that includes police officials along with other key community stakeholders such as criminal justice agencies, faith-based leaders, educational officials, social service providers, representatives of city government, and community and youth representatives. The purpose of the committee is to share information, contribute to the overall planning and/or implementation of the program, and to identify supplemental resources that will strengthen the initiative.

As noted in the Governor's crime plan, prevention and intervention programs should be evidence-based and/or modeled on best practices strategies. An important resource in planning local programs is the *Model Programs Guide* published through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The guide includes information about scientifically proven prevention and intervention programs that target problem behaviors among youth. This information is available at [www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov](http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov). Additional resources include information contained on the websites of the U.S. Department of Justice, COPS Office ([www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov)), the Blueprints for Violence Prevention initiative ([www.colorado.edu/cspv/blueprints/](http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/blueprints/)), and the National Criminal Justice Reference Service ([www.ncjrs.gov](http://www.ncjrs.gov)).

Funding can support a wide range of crime prevention/intervention programs that are coordinated and linked to a neighborhood strategy to reduce crime. Types of projects that may be considered for funding include, but are not limited to, the following:

*Prevention/Intervention Initiatives for Youth in High Crime Areas*

Innovative law enforcement/probationary programs designed to provide early interventions and prevention for youth in high crime areas. Programs for

consideration might include mentoring or targeted gang prevention programs, curfew programs, community service programs, truancy reduction programs, or after school/weekend intervention programs. Activities and programs should focus on educational/job training opportunities and the development of positive life skills for youth in high crime areas. Also for consideration would be partnerships with academic-based institutions for the design and implementation of a youth violence prevention/intervention initiative.

#### *Police, Probation, Parole Programs for Court-Involved Youth*

Police officers partnering with juvenile probation and parole officers to provide enhanced supervision of juvenile offenders during non-traditional hours; planning/coordination of social and educational services (substance abuse, job training, GED preparation, etc.) for youth and their families should be addressed.

#### *Police Community Partnership Programs*

Multi-agency strategies that involve the police and the community working together to identify and resolve crime issues and quality of life concerns in a target neighborhood. Programs generally require the following components working in tandem with each other: assignment of police officers to the target neighborhood for intelligence-led problem-solving policing, prevention/intervention activities for area youth, neighborhood revitalization projects, and working with the county prosecutor's office to implement a violent offender removal component.

#### *Community Mobilization to Reduce Violent Crime*

Combines crime suppression efforts with community mobilization to address unique needs and concerns of a target neighborhood; building of community coalitions/neighborhood crime watch associations to empower the community to become actively involved with police and government officials in efforts to prevent and deter crime. Activities should focus on changing the environment in communities in ways that will result in better outcomes for everyone in that designated geographic area. Must clearly define roles and responsibilities of community stakeholders and criminal justice agencies. Funds may support joint law enforcement/community projects and other activities to enhance the sharing of information, encourage community participation, and enlist community involvement in crime fighting efforts.

#### *Innovative Partnerships for Drug Elimination*

Comprehensive programs to eliminate open air drug markets and to address escalating crime rates in those areas. Elements should include crime mapping; traditional drug enforcement efforts involving multi-agency enforcement teams and a prosecution component; and problem-solving strategies involving community members. Social service and drug treatment options also should be addressed.

#### *Gang Prevention Coordinators*

Supports the position of a municipal gang prevention/intervention coordinator to synchronize community-based gang prevention and intervention programs and strategies that are closely aligned with local law enforcement efforts, and in which law enforcement is a partner. The responsibilities of the coordinator will include: inventory existing

resources; create linkages between county, municipal and state agencies that administer gang prevention/intervention programs; assist or take the lead in convening a local advisory board with representatives of government, law enforcement, businesses, faith-based organizations, education officials, youth and community members, and human and social service providers to assess current efforts and implement strategies to reduce gang involvement; direct resources to areas of greatest need; and share information on evidence-based and best practice models. Coordination with the Office of the County Prosecutor is required. Funding is available to support salary and related expenses for coordinators.

**C. Available Funding:** A total of \$1,412,500 will be offered to support NCPI projects. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. Geographic distribution will be taken into account in the selection of programs. Subgrant awards will be up to a maximum of \$150,000 per year. A 25% hard cash match is required. (For example, a \$100,000 award requires a \$33,000 match for a total grant award of \$133,000). A second year of funding will be contingent upon the successful achievement of stated goals and objectives and adherence to all subgrant requirements. Additional years of funding may be offered to subgrantees depending upon available federal funding.

**D. Organizations which may apply for funding under this program:**

The NCPI Program is limited to the 50 municipalities identified in Section E of this Notice. Criteria for participation is based on high risk factors for violence and gang activity. Organizations eligible to apply include qualified municipal units of government and state-level agencies or non-profit organizations (operating within the identified municipalities) that have a demonstrated background in implementing prevention/intervention programs. Qualified

nonprofit organizations are those organized under Title 15A of the New Jersey Revised Statutes or otherwise qualified for nonprofit tax exemption under the Internal Revenue Code 26 U.S.C. §501(c)(3)). Applicants must be in good standing with all State and Federal agencies with which they have had an existing grant or contractual relationship. Where appropriate, all applicants must hold current State licenses. Additionally, all programs must include a law enforcement/community partnership.

**E. Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding:**

Funding is available to support NCPI projects in select municipalities only. Participation is limited to fifty (50) municipalities based on a weighted formula that was calculated using the following high risk factors for violence and gang activity: firearm arrests, gang homicides, non-gang homicides, aggravated assaults and robberies, drug distribution arrests, and Abbot district designation.

Based on this weighted formula, the following fifty (50) municipalities are eligible for participation in the NCPI Program:

Newark City  
Trenton City  
Jersey City  
Camden City  
Paterson City  
Irvington Town  
Atlantic City  
East Orange City  
Elizabeth City  
Plainfield City  
Orange City  
Vineland City  
Bridgeton City  
Passaic City  
Asbury Park City  
New Brunswick City  
Pemberton Township

Millville City  
Hamilton Twp. (Mercer)  
Union City  
Salem City  
Winslow Twp.  
Pleasantville City  
Perth Amboy City  
Bayonne City  
Egg Harbor Township  
Gloucester Township  
West New York Town  
Hamilton Twp. (Atlantic)  
Willingboro Twp.  
Burlington City  
Montclair Town  
Lindenwold Boro  
Clifton City

Long Branch City  
Pennsauken Twp.  
Neptune Township  
Hoboken City  
Fort Lee Borough  
Hackensack City  
Union Township  
Bloomfield Town  
Harrison Town  
Ewing Twp.  
Garfield City  
Keansburg Borough  
Phillipsburg Town  
Hillside Township  
Raritan Twp.  
Roselle Borough

A Notice of Availability of Funds will be mailed to all eligible municipalities and posted on the Department of Law and Public Safety's website. Additional copies of the Notice are available by contacting the Division of Criminal Justice, Program Development/Grants Section, at (609) 292-5939.

Organizations who wish to apply for funding should submit a proposal that includes a program narrative, budget and budget narrative. If a proposal is selected for funding, the applicant will be required to complete a formal grant application.

The following scored program components must be included in the proposal:

**1. *Problem Statement/Needs Assessment - 15%***

Clearly state the problem/need that will be addressed with grant funds. Include statistics and factual information to substantiate the need and selection of the proposed program. Describe the impact of the problem on the community and any steps that have been taken to address the problem. Identify gaps in services and additional resources that are needed to resolve the problem.

**2. *Goals, Objectives, Action Strategy - 20%***

State the goal(s) of the program. List clear and measurable objectives to achieve each goal, describing specific approaches that will be taken to resolve the problem and expected outcomes. Fully describe the implementation process. Include the following points in the action strategy: target population of program; anticipated number of persons to be served by project; selection process for participation in program; major activities that will be implemented; personnel and resources needed for program; time frame for project implementation.

**3. *Planning, Management Structure and Background - 20%***

Describe the experience/capacity of your agency to implement a prevention/intervention program. Provide information regarding the implementation process for your project. Describe the community partnerships that will be involved, contributions of partnering agencies, and coordination with other programs. Outline the management structure; identify the Project Director and other key individuals who will be directly involved in the operation of the project. Explain roles, functions and membership of the advisory board/committee.

Applicants must submit letters of support specific to this project that demonstrate collaborative partnership and planning with the applicant agency. Where warranted, organizations must include a letter of support that demonstrates a partnership with their local law enforcement agency.

**4. *Data Collection/Performance Measures/Evaluation - 20%***

List data that will be collected. Describe the methods that will be used to measure the progress and assess the impact of the project. (Subgrantees will be required to collect and report



specific data relating to their program to DCJ).

**5.      *Program Budget - 25%***

Using the DCJ budget detail form, list funds requested for program implementation.

Provide a detailed narrative for use of federal and match funds requested in each budget category and/or line item.

**F.      Procedures for eligible organizations to apply:**

Organizations that wish to apply for funding should submit a completed proposal containing a program narrative, budget, budget narrative, and letters of support before the proposal submission deadline.

**G.      Address of the State agency receiving the proposal:**

Heddy Levine-Sabol, Section Chief  
Division of Criminal Justice  
Program Development/Grants Section,  
Hughes Justice Complex  
25 Market Street  
P.O. Box 085  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0085

**H.      Deadline by which proposals must be submitted:** All proposals must be mailed and post marked no later than 5:00 P.M., Friday, October 17, 2008.

**I.      Date by which notices shall be mailed of approval or disapproval of proposals:**

Approximately, forty-five (45) days after the proposal submission deadline.

Applicant: ATTACHMENT TWO

Grant # JAG \_\_\_\_\_

**Section A - Item 14. Budget Detail (Estimate)**  
**Whole Dollars Only**

COST ELEMENT		Federal Share	Match Share	Project Total
A. Salaries and Wages				
Position	Name:			
	% of time			
	Current Annual Salary			
Sub-Total Salaries				
Fringe Benefits @ % rate _____				
Total Salaries				

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ATTACHMENT TWO			
Section A - Item 14. Budget Detail (Estimate)			
Whole Dollars Only			
COST ELEMENT	Federal Share	Match Share	Project Total
B. Purchase of Services			
1. Contracting of Service Organizations and Associations (list each by type with fee basis and amount of time devoted).			
2. Instructional costs for training seminars.			
3. Other Costs for professional services, i.e., psychological/social services.			
Total Purchase of Services			
C. Travel, Transportation, Subsistence			
Total Travel			

Applicant: _____ Grant # JAG _____ <b>ATTACHMENT TWO</b>			
Section A - Item 14. Budget Detail (Estimate) Whole Dollars Only			
COST ELEMENT	Federal Share	Match Share	Project Total
D. Consumable Supplies, Postage, Printing.  Total Consumable Supplies  E. Facilities, Office Space, Utilities, Equipment Rental.  Total Facilities  F. Equipment      List: (or explain in attached budget narrative)  Total Equipment  G. Indirect Costs (Applies only to State Agency Grants) Total Indirect Costs (@ _____ % rate)  <b>Total Project Costs</b>			